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## DIVISION OF MEDICAID & CHILDREN'S HEALTH OPERATIONS

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Mr. Drew Snyder, Interim Executive Director Division of Medicaid, Mississippi Department of Human Services 550 High Street, Suite 1000 Walters Sillers Building Jackson, MS 39201-1325

Dear Mr. Snyder:

In accordance with 42 CFR 438.6(c), the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has reviewed and is approving Mississippi's submission of a proposal for delivery system and provider payment initiatives under Medicaid managed care plan contracts. The proposal was received by CMS on November 1, 2017.

Specifically, the following proposal for delivery system and provider payment initiatives is approved:

The Mississippi Hospital Access Program (MHAP) directed payments fee schedule adjustment for the rating period covering July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

This approval letter does not constitute approval of any Medicaid managed care plan contracts or rate certifications for the aforementioned rating period, or any specific Medicaid financing mechanism used to support the provider payment arrangement. All other federal laws and regulations apply. This approval letter only satisfies the regulatory requirement pursuant to 42 CFR 438.6(c)(2) for written approval prior to implementation of any payment arrangement described in 42 CFR 438.6(c)(1). Approval of the corresponding Medicaid managed care plan contracts and rate certifications is still required.

If you have questions concerning this letter, please contact John Giles, Division of Managed Care Plans at (410) 786-1255 or Davida Kimble, Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations at (404) 562-7496.

Sincerely,

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